

# **Teen Titans #66**

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Page One (4 panels)

Panel 1. We are in a hellish realm that is nothing but heat and flame, like the surface of the sun.

Rod, on this page, everything we see is from the point of view of Kid Eternity, who wears red-colored shades. So, after coloring the page, all four panels should be tinted with the color of his glasses. Cool?

I NO TAIL: Come on...where **are** they?  
Let's make these balloons wavy, ethereal.

Panel 2. The fire starts to dissipate in the center, as if it's a fog that we're walking through. Beyond the fire we start to see the blue-black tones of the night sky.

2 NO TAIL: I don't have time for this. **Now.** It has to be now.

3 NO TAIL: I feel them. They're **close**, but...

Panel 3. Further dissipating now, we're looking down on Earth from the upper atmosphere.

4 NO TAIL: *Ah.*

Panel 4. Night. Now we're looking down from low-lying clouds at Titans Island. Peaceful and quiet. No one's here.

**5 NO TAIL: There.**

**Page Two (4 panels)**

Panel 1. The big panel. Night in Gotham City. ROBIN crouches on a rooftop, staring pensively over the city. Not super moody, but deep in thought. Mysterious.

1 CAPTION: Yesterday.  
2 CAPTION: Gotham City.

Panel 2. A shot from the side now, angled so we can see the bit of roof just beyond him. The voice comes from behind him, but he doesn't flinch. It's expected.

3 SPOILER (off): Hey.  
4 ROBIN: Hey.

Panel 3. Same shot. On Robin's far side, SPOILER appears, crouching down next to him. They both look ahead. You can stat Robin for this panel.

5 SPOILER: I'm packed and ready.

Panel 4. Same shot. Spoiler turns to Robin. Again, you can stat him.

6 SPOILER: You sure you want me to come along?  
7 ROBIN: Yeah.  
(beat)  
8 ROBIN: Please.

**Page Three (5 panels)**

Panel 1. Still night, but now we're in Kara Zor-El's apartment. (See *Supergirl* series for ref.) WONDER GIRL stands, looking sincere and humble.

1 CAPTION: Metropolis.

2 WONDER GIRL: **Please** just listen, okay?

Panel 2. Closer on Wonder Girl. Apologetic, humble.

3 WONDER GIRL: I know that what I did...it was **stupid**. Stupid and mean. I boiled down our friendship to some **ridiculously** simplistic element just to push you away.

4 WONDER GIRL: But, you know, this probably sounds terrible but, not having you around? Not having a boyfriend? It was probably the best thing **for** me.

5 WONDER GIRL: I had to find out who I was on my **own** terms. I needed to strip **everything** away and see what was left.

Panel 3. Tight on Wonder Girl for a closely-cropped head shot. She smiles a great smile. She's thinking: *I found someone I really like. I found my power. I found my center.*

6 KARA (off): And what **was** left?

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Panel 4. Pulling back from one side to see that Wonder Girl's standing behind a couch, and the whomever she's talking to is seated on the couch but turned backward, her arms on the back of the couch. If we see any of her, it's only her arms.

7 KARA (off): Nice.

8 WONDER GIRL: So...you think we can be **friends** again?

9 KARA (off): Tch. Cassie...

Panel 5. On KARA ZOR-EL now. She's wearing comfortable, casual clothes. She smiles, friendly. Glad to be making up with her best friend. Next to her, her Supergirl costume hangs over the couch.

10 KARA: ...when were we ever **not** friends?

Page Four (5 panels)

Panel 1. Wonder Girl and Kara hug.

1 KARA: I knew you had some stuff to figure out. Welcome back.

Panel 2. Kara pulls back to look over Wonder Girl's outfit, which she jokingly shows off. Kara's impressed. (If Krypto is living here, we should have him around, whether sleeping on the couch or watching these two talk. No, we won't have him maul anyone. This time.)

2 KARA: So, this new look--

3 WONDER GIRL: Like it?

4 KARA: Uhh, **yeah...**!

Panel 3. Wonder Girl's costume magically fades. CASSIE looks embarrassed but smiling, relieved that they were able to make up.

5 CASSIE: Sorry. Kinda forgot I was wearing it.

6 KARA (off?): No you didn't. You **wanted** to show it off.

7 CASSIE: *Heh.* You got me.

8 CASSIE: So, look...I know it's sorta sudden, Kara, but you're **absolutely** on the team again if you--

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Panel 4. Close in. Now Cassie's in casual clothes. Kara winces, wishing she didn't have to harsh the moment. Cassie's smile fades but she tries to play it cool.

9 KARA: *Ack. Can't.*  
10 KARA: I already made another **commitment**...  
  
11 CASSIE: *Oh.*  
12 CASSIE: Well...okay. Sure, I understand...

Panel 5. Kara smiles, offering to move past the moment and reassure Cassie of her friendship. Cassie smiles back.

13 KARA: Hey. Wanna hang out for a while? I bet there's a **ton** of stuff to catch each other up on.  
  
14 CASSIE: Yeah. Yeah, **definitely**.

**Page Five (5 panels)**

Panel 1. On JAIME REYES, in a state of utter refusal.

1 CAPTION: El Paso.

2 JAIME: No. **Definitely** not.

Panel 2. It's still night, and we're at a diner in New Mexico. Jaime is here, and seated next to him is his girlfriend, TRACI 13. Directly across from Jaime is PACO, and next to Paco is BRENDA. See *Blue Beetle* for character reference and personalities.

3 TRACI: Why? Why not? Give me **one** good reason, Jaime Reyes.

4 JAIME: 'Cause it's--

5 JAIME: Look, I just--

6 JAIME: It's just 'cause--

Panel 3. On Paco and Brenda, with Jaime cropped in the foreground. Paco grins, watching Jaime. Brenda elbows Paco. Paco and Brenda are romantically linked (as of this writing, at least) but they like to give each other a hard time.

7 PACO: Cool. Always wanted to see someone's **head explode**.

8 BRENDA: Paco, stay out of this...

9 JAIME: **Thank** you, Brenda.

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Panel 4. Paco teases Jaime with mock sadness, and it gets to him. Jaime points accusingly (but not actually angry).

10 PACO: Oh, come on, **Bug Butt**, don't be such a--

11 JAIME: Hey! You don't **use** that! Don't you **ever** call me that.

Panel 5. On Paco, teasing even more intensely now, and enjoying himself a great deal.

12 PACO: What's a matter? Is that only for **Red Devil**? Is that his **pet name** for you in your little **bromance**?

**Page Six (4 panels)**

Panel 1. Traci, enjoying this, looks at Jaime with wide eyes. Jaime gets flustered.

1 JAIME: What? My **what**?  
2 TRACI: So **that's** it. You've got a little **boy crush**!  
3 JAIME: No, that's **not** the reason--  
4 JAIME: Not that I **have** the thing you said. Let me be **clear** about that.

Panel 2. Brenda shrugs, stating the obvious.

5 BRENDA: Look, this is an open house for super heroes, right? **You're** a super hero, Traci.  
6 BRENDA: **Just go.** Who **cares** what particle-brained reason Jaime has? It's not like he can **stop** you.

Panel 3. Traci turns to Jaime, playfully snide.

7 TRACI: You make an **excellent** point, Brenda.  
8 TRACI: *Ha.*

Panel 4. Jaime curls up in the corner in defeat.

9 JAIME: *Uch.*  
10 PACO (small, off): I **thought** you said we should stay **out** of it.  
11 BRENDA (small, off): No, I said **you** stay out.  
12 PACO (small, off): Well, aren't you sweet.  
13 BRENDA (small, off): I do my best.

**Page Seven (5 panels)**

Panel 1. Still night. We're on the roof of Titans Tower with RED DEVIL. He rubs his hands together, focused and nervous. He's about to do something big.

1 CAPTION: San Francisco.

2 RED DEVIL: This is gonna be sweet.

Panel 2. Red Devil's tail carves a PORTAL in the air.

3 SFX (small): SKRRKT

4 RED DEVIL (off?): Okay.

5 RED DEVIL (off?): All right.

Panel 3. Red Devil's turned around, ready to leap into the portal with a little hesitance and anticipation, like a kid about to jump off a cliff into water.

6 RED DEVIL: And...

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Panel 4. Red Devil steps through the other side of the portal, which brings him into the boxing ring at the headquarters of the JSA (see JSA #9). He smiles and waves as he enters, greeting STARGIRL, WILDCAT (the younger one), CYCLONE and DAMAGE. Wildcat and Stargirl were sparring in the ring. They are all taken aback by the sudden appearance.

7 RED DEVIL:

**Heya**, guys! Remember me?

8 RED DEVIL:

Not sure if, uh, you all **heard**, but the **Teen Titans** are having a sort of, like, **recruitment drive** tomorrow? And I was, uh, hoping you might, you know--

Panel 5. Stargirl raises an eye. Red Devil is awkward.

9 STARGIRL:

You...do know we're already **on** a team, right?

10 RED DEVIL:

Oh, well, yeah. Sure. But, like...

11 RED DEVIL:

No **double duty** or anything?

12 RED DEVIL:

Maybe?

**Page Eight (8 panels)**

Let's give these panels fairly equal weight if we can, Eddy. In every panel, we see all or part of the portal he's conjured to get here. Unless otherwise noted, these all take place at night.

Panel 1. Red Devil is talking up SPEEDY (from *Green Arrow/Black Canary*). She shrugs with a smile. Liz, I'm not sure where to set this panel.

1 SPEEDY: I'd **love** to, Eddie, but, uh, my hands are kinda full enough having to deal with **Ollie**...

Panel 2. Now to a countryside setting, where the SHINING KNIGHT (Ystina from *Seven Soldiers*) rides her winged horse after Red Devil.

2 SHINING KNIGHT: **DEMON! I will see your INSIDES!**

3 RED DEVIL: *Gyaa!*

Panel 3. Now an urban apartment, kinda sloppy, where HOLLY and DAWN GRANGER live. They are better known as Hawk & Dove, but are not in costume. Holly tells Red Devil off while Dawn, left shoulder is bandaged up, sits on a couch, rolling her eyes. Red Devil winces.

4 HOLLY: Do you not **talk** to your **teammates**?

5 HOLLY: Dawn and I are **still** recovering from the **last** time we joined a sodding team of Titans!

6 RED DEVIL: Oh. Right. Um...sorry?

Panel 4. KLARION (and his cat, TEEKL) are in Limbo Town. Teekl sniffs at Red Devil as Klarion scrunches up his nose, waving "no" with one hand.

7 KLARION: No, no. To **visit** up there is **one** thing...

8 TEEKL SFX: MWRR?

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**Page Nine (5 panels)**

Panel 1. Back to the roof of the Tower. Red Devil practically stumbles through a portal. He's weak and woozy.

1 RED DEVIL: *Whoah!*

Panel 2. Red Devil's hunched over, not feeling well at all.

2 RED DEVIL (weak): Woo.

3 RED DEVIL (weak): Okay. So now I know how much portal is **too** much all at--

Panel 3. Red Devil lurches over the side of the building, throwing up. Angled so we don't see over the side.

4 RED DEVIL SFX: BLURRRRGH!

Panel 4. Red Devil wipes his mouth as he gets up, feeling a bit better.

5 RED DEVIL: Wow.

6 RED DEVIL: What a waste of time **that** was.

7 RED DEVIL: Well...

Panel 5. Pull way back. Big panel. He stands on the roof, and the empty space gives us a sense of isolation, of loneliness.

8 RED DEVIL: ...hopefully **someone** shows up tomorrow...

**Pages Ten & Eleven (double-page splash)**

Splash. Day at Titans Tower. A bright and beautiful day. Several teen heroes are involved in a game of "Capture the Flag". The "flag", however, is Red Devil himself, who wears a hat with a Teen Titans "T" flag sticking up out of it. He is booking. Whoever isn't chasing Red Devil directly is being stopped/delayed by members of the other team. Have fun!

On each side of the splash, running vertically, are headshots of the two teams, with brief descriptions of their powers, as is often done in *JSA*.

**LEFT:** PRYSM (from the Jurgens *Teen Titans*); KID SLICK (from the Arcudi *Doom Patrol*); MAYA (from *Justice League Europe/Task Force*); AURA (from *Superboy and the Ravers*); and JAI (from *Flash*).

**RIGHT:** HOT SPOT (from the Jurgens *Teen Titans*); FREAK (from the Arcudi *Doom Patrol*); MISFIT (from *Birds of Prey*); HARDLINE (last seen in *Justice League Quarterly* #12); and IRIS (from *Flash*).

1 RED DEVIL:

**This is very much NOT COOL!**

2 ORIGIN BOX:

Since the days Robin first appeared, teenage heroes have gathered together to take on evil and learn from each other as the TEEN TITANS

3 TITLE:

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4 CREDITS:

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5 LEFT LINEUP:

Team Justice

6 TEXT:

PRYSM channels light and flies

7 TEXT:

KID SLICK spawns a frictionless force field

8 TEXT:

MAYA controls fire and water

9 TEXT:

AURA manipulates magnetism

10 TEXT:

JAI makes himself super strong for a limited time

11 RIGHT LINEUP:

Team Power

12 TEXT:

HOT SPOT generates heat and flies

13 TEXT:

FREAK snares objects via her symbiotic organism

14 TEXT:

MISFIT teleports and has super strength

15 TEXT:

HARDLINE creates vibrations using sound

16 TEXT:

IRIS vibrates through solid objects at will



**Page Twelve (6 panels)**

Panel 1. Remember, everyone's having fun--except Red Devil, who does not like being chased. Red Devil is chased by Freak's symbiotic hair, which tries to snare him, and it looks like she's going to succeed...

1 FREAK: *Hah. Got ya this time!*

Panel 2. ...but Kid Slick slides across the ground from behind her, knocking Freak on her can. Meanwhile, Misfit teleports in with her trademark puff of smoke. She tries to snag Red Devil but he ducks.

2 FREAK: *Gaaah!*

3 KID SLICK: *Hahaha! Every time, Ava!*

Panel 3. From left to right: Wonder Girl, Robin, Spoiler, Traci and Blue Beetle watch the action from the steps. Blue has his arm around Traci. Robin looks distracted, lost in thought.

4 FREAK (off, small): Why don'cha say my real name a little **louder**, brain donor?

5 WONDER GIRL: Seems like we're sort of light on **recruits**, don't you think?

Panel 4. On Blue Beetle, making a "your guess is as good as mine" gesture with his free arm/shoulder.

6 BLUE BEETLE: **Red** said he couldn't **find M'gann**. He thinks **Zatara's** off somewhere between tours, and most of the **rest** of the Teen Titans from the past couple years are he-doesn't-know-where.

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Panel 5. Focus on Robin and Wonder Girl. It's disheartening.

7 WONDER GIRL: The **Dark Side Club**'s got most young metas either **in hiding** or fighting for their lives in the **arena**.

8 ROBIN: Where **are** we on finding that place? Any leads?

9 WONDER GIRL: They pull up stakes anytime word gets too widespread.

Panel 6. Back to the action. Maya and Hardline cancel each other out with blasts of fire and sound vibration, respectively. Hotspot swoops down (when he flies he has a "flame aura") to try and snare the flag of Red Devil's head but he ducks. Iris is also after him. Red Devil's having more fun now.

10 RED DEVIL: Yeah! **Missed** me, sucka!

**Page Thirteen (6 panels)**

Panel 1. Prysm and Misfit wrestle. Jai gleefully pounds on the ground, the tremor causing Iris to trip. While they're busy, Red Devil hastily, sneakily weaves a portal.

2 MISFIT: Leggo! I can't **teleport** you with me!

3 JAI: Way to give away your **limitations**, noob.

4 IRIS: You're the **last** one to call anybody n**YAAAAH!**

5 SFX: THOOM

Panel 2. Snickering, Red Devil quietly steps out of the other end of the portal, which is on the far side of a tree. We can see the tussling going on in the distance.

6 HOTSPOT (small): **Teamwork**, Power guys! Come on!

7 KID SLICK (small): Hey...where'd the **flag** go?

8 RED DEVIL (whisper): *Heh...right **here**, you dopey--*

Panel 3. WHAM! Red Devil is nailed with a massive anchor.

9 SFX: KWAMMM

Panel 4. He's lying under the anchor as Aura gently floats down on electromagnetic waves. The anchor, which is connected to a short, busted piece of massive, hardened-steel chain, even snapped the tree in half. She smiles.

10 AURA: **Sorry**, cute stuff, but a win's a win.

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Panel 5. Wonder Girl calls out, hands cupped around her mouth.  
Blue Beetle and Traci applaud, amused.

11 WONDER GIRL:                   **Good work, Aura! Now your team has to DEFEND the  
flag for FIVE MINUTES!**

Panel 6. Red Devil's in our foreground, sore and woozy, as Aura  
leaves with the hat/flag, being chased by Hotspot and Freak.

12 RED DEVIL (small, woozy):   Um...ow?  
13 RED DEVIL (small):           I'm pretty sure this was supposed to be **Blue's** job...

**Pages Fourteen & Fifteen (9 panels)**

Panel 1. A larger panel, showing the Teen Titans as well as the potential recruits socializing in the lounge (from #56). Everyone except for Robin. We don't have to see absolutely everyone. Try to place them so the dialogue works.

Kid Slick talks with a sense of foreboding to Freak; Red Devil looks curiously at Misfit, who grins with glee; Aura puts her hands on her hips, showing a little attitude to Hardline, who shows attitude in return, while Spoiler listens; Maya speaks with relief to Blue Beetle and Traci; Jai (normal sized now) and Iris look around, timid; Hotspot, Prysm and Wonder Girl chat; Bombshell stands against a wall, away from everyone, arms folded.

1 KID SLICK: I thought we'd **definitely** see **Fever** here...

2 RED DEVIL: I'm **pretty** sure I fought a **future version** of you.

3 MISFIT: Poor guy. Bet I gave you a **pounding of justice**!

4 AURA: You **never** heard of the **Ravers**?

5 HARDLINE: So what? **You** never heard of **The Conglomerate**...

6 MAYA: This **Dark Side Club** thing has me **freaked**. I figure **this** is the safest place for a teen hero **these** days.

7 BLUE BEETLE: Um...

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Panel 2. Red Devil and Blue Beetle joke at Jai and Iris' expense.

8 RED DEVIL: Hey, I **think** you kids're **lost**. Maybe you're looking for the **Pre-Teen Titans**?

9 BLUE BEETLE: The **Tween** Titans.

10 RED DEVIL: **Tiny** Titans.

11 BLUE BEETLE: *Heh*. Yeah, Tiny--

Panel 3. Jai bulks up big, freaking the two Titans out! Iris giggles.

12 JAI: **I'll show you TINY!**

Panel 4. Prysm and Hotspot speak in hushed tones about Bombshell, who watches in the background, still leaning against a wall, silent and tough.

13 PRYSM: What's the little **traitor** doing here?

14 HOTSPOT: Got me. I heard she was **dead**...

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Panel 5. Watch the dialogue here. Wonder Girl and Spoiler share an awkward moment. Wonder Girl is genuinely trying to be nice despite her fumbling.

15 WONDER GIRL:                      So...you're **alive**. That's great. That's really great.

16 SPOILER:                              Yeah. I kinda like it.

17 WONDER GIRL:                      I notice you didn't participate in the **game**...

18 SPOILER:                              That's not what I'm here for.

19 WONDER GIRL:                      Oh.

Panel 6. Traci tries to be cool with Red Devil...

20 TRACI:                                  Oh! You know, your **teammate** here told me all **about** the adventure you two had against Shockwave. Sounded really great.

Panel 7. ...but he walks away, icily. Traci turns to Blue Beetle, both of them clueless.

21 RED DEVIL:                              Yeah. It **was**.

22 TRACI:                                      What'd I say?

Panel 8. A decent-sized panel. Robin enters the room and everyone stops talking, turning to him.

23 ROBIN:                                      Okay, Titans.

Panel 9. Tight on Robin. Head shot.

24 ROBIN:                                      Time to deliberate.

**Page Sixteen (6 panels)**

Panel 1. Dusk. We're in the conference room now, looking down at the table, where 8x10 photos of the ten try-out heroes are laid out. Wonder Girl's hands spread them out.

1 WONDER GIRL:                      So...this is the pool. This is everyone.

Panel 2. Establishing shot. We see the sun going down outside. Robin and Wonder Girl sit on one side, and Red Devil and Blue Beetle on the other. Robin rummages through the pictures. Wonder Girl looks to him with surprise. Blue Beetle raises his hand, as if in a classroom.

2 ROBIN:                                I don't know about you, but I'm pretty much satisfied. We can find four or five good **additions** here.

3 WONDER GIRL:                      Wow, **five**? I was thinking we'd keep it to **eight** or less. And don't forget we've got to keep a spot open for **M'gann** when she returns.

4 BLUE BEETLE:                      Observation? If I may?

Panel 3. On Blue Beetle, reasoning in his own way.

5 BLUE BEETLE:                      Why exactly do we need to have a **set number**? Why not let **anyone** who's good be a member and come and go as they please?

6 BLUE BEETLE:                      I mean, it's not like **everyone** can devote the same amount of time to the team. This way you could have your **full-timers** like Cassie and Eddie, and then you can have the **weekenders** or whatever.

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Panel 4. Robin is patient addressing Blue Beetle's thoughts. Wonder Girl, if we see her, is in agreement.

7 ROBIN: The team needs structure. Stability. If members come and go all the time, we're less effective.

8 BLUE BEETLE: I dunno. I kinda like the *a la carte* approach. Get the right soldiers for the mission and stuff.

9 ROBIN: Except you never know for sure what you're going to encounter, Blue. It's best to have a team for **all** seasons.

Panel 5. Red Devil picks Aura's picture out of the pile.

10 RED DEVIL: *Hrm. Anyway...*

11 RED DEVIL: What do we think of...let's see...**Aura**?

Panel 6. Everyone turns toward the off-panel windows, shocked.

12 CYBORG (robo, off): I think her history of **drinking** makes her **unreliable**.

**Page Seventeen (4 panels)**

Panel 1. The windows no longer show the view outside but a single digital image of CYBORG's face. The Titans stand, taken aback.

1 WONDER GIRL:                      **Cyborg?!**

2 BLUE BEETLE:                      Sweet mother of Bender!

Panel 2. Close in on the screen. Cyborg talks plainly.

3 CYBORG (robo):                      Hey, sorry if I **alarmed** you. One of my **upgrades** to the Tower includes a **surveillance matrix** accessible only by my own system.

4 CYBORG (robo):                      I've been listening in.

Panel 3. On Blue (left) and Red, clearly freaked out.

5 BLUE BEETLE:                      Oh. Is that all? Well, hi there, future robot overlord.

6 RED DEVIL:                          Yeah. It's cool. Not creepy. Not at all.

7 CYBORG (robo, off):                      Just think of it as me having a presence, just like I used to, except I'm not **actually** there.

8 CYBORG (robo):                      Now, where do each of you stand with the new recruits?

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Panel 4. Make sure there's room for dialogue here. Behind the four as they sound off. Be sure to have the characters relocate so the dialogue flows from left to right.

9 ROBIN:                         Aside from the Tornado Twins, I'm okay with any of them.

10 WONDER GIRL: **Hotspot** and **Prysm** have Titans experience, but other than that--

11 BLUE BEETLE: Nah, I think we need **new** blood. That **Misfit** girl's kinda cool.

12 RED DEVIL: No way. Misfit and Prysm are **evil** in our future. Any of the **other** girls would be **most** perfect. Except for the little kid. So, **Aura** and **Maya**?

**Page Eighteen (4 panels)**

Panel 1. On Cyborg, sighing.

1 CYBORG (robo): *Hm. And here I was thinking the best choices were the two **ex-Doom Patrolers--Kid Slick and Freak.***  
2 CYBORG (robo): *I think it's going to take a little longer than **tonight** to come to a consensus.*

Panel 2. Back to the Teen Titans. Red Devil and Blue Beetle seem uncertain. Robin's discouraged. But Wonder Girl thinks of a way to turn lemons into lemonade.

3 RED DEVIL: *Yeah, but everyone's **waiting** downstairs...*  
4 WONDER GIRL: *That's okay. I've got an idea.*

Panel 3. Early night. A larger panel. Wonder Girl enters the lounge room, followed by the other three. The various heroes (including Spoiler and Traci, but not Bombshell) turn from what they're doing and stand from where they're sitting to pay attention.

5 WONDER GIRL: *Hey, everyone. Thanks for being so patient.*

Panel 4. On Wonder Girl, being a gracious host. Behind her, Red Devil to her with awe.

6 WONDER GIRL: *As it turns out, we won't be able to come to a **decision** today. That **doesn't** mean you have to go home, though.*  
7 WONDER GIRL: *Anyone who wants is welcome to **spend the night** in one of our many guest rooms, okay?*  
8 RED DEVIL: ***Slumber party?***  
9 RED DEVIL: *Oh, **yes.***

**Page Nineteen (5 panels)**

Panel 1. Night. Residence Hall. CASSIE (in casual sweatpants and t-shirt) approaches Robin's room, where SPOILER is exiting, just finishing putting her mask back on, closing the door behind her. She's a touch startled, not expecting Cassie to be standing there. Cassie's also a little startled, but not judgmental or anything. Just another awkward moment between girlfriend and ex.

1 SPOILER: Oh, hi. I was just...

Panel 2. Spoiler moves on, putting her hood up. Cassie half-waves with a slight smile, knocking on the door.

2 SPOILER: I was just going to my room.

3 CASSIE: Okay. 'Night, then...

Panel 3. Cassie enters the room. TIM is sitting on the side of his bed in shorts and a shirt. The room looks cleaner than usual. Somewhat bare, since he's packing, but let's not make it too obvious until next page. He has something in one hand (a picture frame).

4 CASSIE: Hey. Everyone's got room assignments.

5 CASSIE: Well, except Jai and Iris. Soon as their dad found out they were here, he came by and scooped them up in a--

6 CASSIE: You know.

Panel 4. Cassie smirks, being casual.

7 CASSIE: Four hours and no **progress**, so I thought you might want to talk about the **roster**, just me and you. That is, unless **Cyborg's** bugged the **bedrooms**, too...

Panel 5. Over Cassie's shoulder at Tim, who remains quiet. He's looking at the picture frame in his hands.

8 CASSIE: Tim? Tim, what is it? I know when you're holding something back.

9 CASSIE: And this right now? It **isn't** quite so subtle.

**Page Twenty (5 panels)**

Panel 1. Over Tim's shoulder, looking at a framed photo of Robin, Wonder Girl, SUPERBOY and KID FLASH, with costumes circa *Teen Titans* #6, after the first arc. It's a friends-hanging-out picture snapped in the Tower. If we could cheat Tim's face a little here, we can see he's smiling wistfully.

1 TIM: You, Conner, me and Bart.  
2 TIM: I know so much can change, but that...I **really** felt it was forever. Even when we were **apart**, I always knew deep down that it wouldn't be for long.

Panel 2. Cassie sits next to Tim, sharing his view of the picture with tender happiness.

3 CASSIE: Yeah. I know what you mean. That was...something **special**.  
4 CASSIE: I think it's better to celebrate it than to mourn it.  
5 TIM: You're right. You're **absolutely** right, Cassie.  
6 TIM: Every time I think back to those days, it fills me with joy.

Panel 3. Tim stands, placing the pic in an open box on his dresser which has other framed photos in it. Behind him, sitting on the bed, Cassie half considers standing up, uncertain of what's going on.

7 TIM: But it also reminds me that, no matter what happens **around** you, life goes on. You have to learn to **adapt** to the changes. To **grow**.  
8 CASSIE: Tim...?

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Panel 4. Cassie starts to stand. She knows what's coming but can't believe her ears. This is an understated look, though, not one of bug-eyed incredulity.

9 TIM (off): I still meant what I **said** about this team. Its **purpose**. The good guys have to be a **shining beacon** for the rest of us to see. They have to **step up**.

10 TIM (off): **We** have to step up.

Panel 5. On Tim, serious but heroic. Strong and determined, with just a hint of sentiment.

11 TIM: There is no Batman, Cassie.

(beat)

12 TIM: I'm **leaving**.

**Page Twenty-One (7 panels)**

Panel 1. Residence Hall. Aura, Freak and Misfit walk past Red Devil. Aura and Misfit are wearing their masks, but other than that they've got on pajamas. Misfit's would be boxer shorts over leggings and a loose t-shirt, but the other two may be wearing something a little less baggy. No lingerie or bras or panties exposed here. Keep it innocent, even when sexy.

Red Devil does one of those introductory bows as they pass, looking a bit like a dork because he doesn't know how to be around girls.

1 RED DEVIL: Ladies.

Panel 2. Red Devil runs up to Blue Beetle in the hall, all excited. Blue's taken a little off guard, a touch weirded out by the level of Red Devil's mania.

2 RED DEVIL: **Blue! Dude, this is the coolest night of my life!**

3 BLUE BEETLE: Right. I noticed!

4 RED DEVIL: C'mon, get **excited** with me! **Pillow** fights! Truth or dare! **Spin the bottle!**

Panel 3. Red comes in close, like he's formulating a plan with Blue, except Blue doesn't get it. Watch the dialogue.

5 RED DEVIL: Now if you could just give **Traci** the slip, we'd be **golden**.

6 BLUE BEETLE: What? Why?

7 RED DEVIL: She's **cramping** our **style!**

8 BLUE BEETLE: We have a style?

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Panel 4. Red puts both hands on Blue's shoulders, trying to impart the importance of this on him.

9 RED DEVIL: Don't you **get** it, Bug Butt?! I **need** a **wingman**!

Panel 5. Traci comes up to the two with a smile, and Red Devil barks at her in frustration.

10 TRACI: Hey, guys! What's going--

11 RED DEVIL: **Nothing**, okay?! *Gahh!* Why've you gotta **butt in** on everything?

Panel 6. Traci puts her hand on her face, but not because of Red Devil. She's woozy, her left hand aglow. Blue's concerned.

12 BLUE BEETLE: Oh, come on, he didn't **mean** it, Traci--

13 BLUE BEETLE: Whoa. Traci? Are you okay?

Panel 7. On Traci. She turns to Blue, completely serious. Her Staff of Arion (see *Blue Beetle* #16) has appeared in her left hand.

14 TRACI: **No. None** of us are okay.

15 TRACI: Something's coming. Something magical.

**Page Twenty-Two (4 panels)**

Panel 1. Outside, looking at Titans Island. Low-lying clouds.  
No moon.

1 CAPTION: "Something **mean.**"

Panel 2. Same shot. A red slit opens in the sky, angled down  
toward Titans Tower.

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Panel 3. Same shot. The slit widens at the center like a cat's  
eye. Fire borders and fills the rift--the same stuff as in the  
first panel of the issue, but without the rose-colored tint.

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Panel 4. Large panel. DEMONS of various stripes--all nasty  
buggers--pour out of the rift, raging down at us.